

By Representative Livingston

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to elections; amending s.
3 101.62, F.S.; providing for direct mailing of
4 absentee ballots; prohibiting mailing of more
5 than two absentee ballots to the same address;
6 providing exceptions; providing an effective
7 date.

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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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11 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section
12 101.62, Florida Statutes, 1996 Supplement, is amended to read:

13 101.62 Request for absentee ballots.--

14 (4)

15 (b)1. As soon as the remainder of the absentee ballots
16 are printed, the supervisor shall deliver or mail an absentee
17 ballot to each elector by whom a request for that ballot has
18 been made. Any elector may designate in writing a person to
19 pick up the ballot for the elector; however, the person
20 designated may not pick up more than two absentee ballots per
21 election, other than the designee's own ballot, except that
22 additional ballots may be picked up for members of the
23 designee's immediate family. For purposes of this section,
24 "immediate family" means the designee's spouse or the parent,
25 child, grandparent, or sibling of the designee or of the
26 designee's spouse. The designee shall provide to the
27 supervisor the written authorization by the elector and a
28 picture identification of the designee and must complete an
29 affidavit. The designee shall state in the affidavit that the
30 designee is authorized by the elector to pick up that ballot
31 and shall indicate if the elector is a member of the

1 designee's immediate family and, if so, the relationship. The
2 department shall prescribe the form of the affidavit. If the
3 supervisor is satisfied that the designee is authorized to
4 pick up the ballot and that the signature of the elector on
5 the written authorization matches the signature of the elector
6 on file, the supervisor shall give the ballot to that designee
7 for delivery to the elector.

8 2. Unless otherwise provided in this section, an
9 absentee ballot must be mailed directly to the elector at the
10 address shown on the registration books or to an address
11 outside of the county, as designated by the elector. No more
12 than two absentee ballots may be mailed to the same address
13 unless the address is that shown on the registration books or
14 the address is for a hospital, assisted-living facility,
15 nursing home, short-term medical or rehabilitation facility,
16 or correctional facility. If the supervisor is satisfied that
17 the mailing of the absentee ballot to an address other than as
18 shown on the registration books will not compromise the
19 integrity of the election, the supervisor shall send the
20 absentee ballot to the elector at the address requested.

21 Section 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 1998.
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HOUSE SUMMARY

Provides that unless otherwise specified by law an absentee ballot must be mailed to the elector at the address shown on the registration books or to an address outside of the county, as designated by the elector. Prohibits the mailing of more than two absentee ballots to the same address unless the address is that shown on the registration books or the address is for a hospital, assisted-living facility, nursing home, short-term medical or rehabilitation facility, or correctional facility. Also provides that, if the supervisor of elections is satisfied that the mailing of the absentee ballot to an address other than as shown on the registration books will not compromise the integrity of the election, the supervisor shall send the ballot to the elector at the address requested.